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LB 184, 425, 426

opposed, nay. Voting on advancement of LB 425 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 425.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is successful. LB 425 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next bill, LB 426.

CLERK: LB 426, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM1282, Legislative Journal page 1334.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, you're recognized to open on LB 426.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There are a series of proposals, transfers, and so forth in connection with this amendment, and I will go through them rather rapidly. Section 1 creates a capital...a Nebraska Capital Construction Fund, and the fund shall be appropriated to state agencies for making payments on capital reconstruction projects. Section 2 creates a radioactive waste settlement fund, authorize the deposit of funds as the Legislature may authorize, and the text for this comes from LB 184. The appropriation of funds is contained in LB 425, the mainline budget preproposal. Section 3 creates a Superfund Cost Share Fund. The Department of Environmental Quality shall remit grants and gifts received by the department for the purpose of providing cost share for remediation of superfund sites for credit to the fund. The department shall use the funds to pay for nonfederal costs, including costs for in-kind service required as cost share for the remediation of superfund sites. Sections 4 through 7 deal with the State Fair support cash fund. You will recall that, of course, the people of the state voted in favor of providing the State Fair as a recipient of funds, but there was no way of a self-executing implementation. And Senator Landis proposed a bill, but the bill was simply one that said, pay over the money; and what we decided we needed to have